

'54-'55 Play Program Reviewed

From July 1954 to June of 1955, a great variety of recreational activities was offered youngsters of Torrance by the Recreation Department.

The total attendance or units of service during this period was 27,957.

During that period, twelve recreation programs were carried on during the summer months, in addition to the year-round program and the adult water program.

The areas on which after-school and part-time programs were carried on during the winter months included El Retiro, McMaster, and Walteria parks, Civic Auditorium, Torrance high school, Perry, Evelyn Carr, Fern Greenwood, Walteria and Seaside schools.

Outstanding events of the year included: boys' softball leagues, adult and boys' basketball leagues, special Halloween, Christmas, and Easter programs, baby show, kite contest, Yo Yo contest, and many other special events of city-wide interest.

During the Christmas and Easter vacation periods, full-time programs were carried on at the areas listed above. The past year was the first year in which a fully organized program was added to the recreation program. During 1953, after-school programs were set up at Perry and Seaside Schools and McMaster and Walteria parks.

County Sets Smog Hearing

Possibility of more stringent anti-smog controls over oil refineries was seen this week as the County Board of Supervisors set September 29 for a public hearing to consider adopting a regulation to prohibit the use of open skimming ponds and separators, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced.

Action was taken after Supervisor Hahn requested Smog Control Officer Smith Griswold to bring in recommendations enacting specific suggestions set forth in the "Beckman Report" which have not yet been put into force.

In acting on Supervisor Hahn's suggestion, Griswold stated that for the past year efforts had been made to get refineries to voluntarily cover over all open skimming ponds and separators.

He admitted that the program had not been successful, since many of the refineries refused to cooperate, but that some companies had covered 95 per cent of their ponds and separators.

Tryouts Set For North Torrance Baton Twirlers

Tryouts have been announced for majorettes and baton twirlers for North Torrance high school, to be held Tuesday, August 23, at 10 a.m., at North Torrance Elementary school, 17220 Casimir street.

Any girl who has had some training, knows how to twirl a baton, and will be attending North Torrance High this year is eligible to try out.

Each girl should bring her own baton.

Those wishing information should call Marty Baum, the band director, DAVIS 6-4553, or Pat Hogan, DAVIS 4-3449.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

INCINERATORS: A resolution requesting the County Board of Supervisors to postpone its ban on backyard burning for 18 months was adopted by the Council Tuesday night. The supervisors will hold a hearing on the matter Tuesday, August 23.

LAND USE LAW: A streamlined land-use ordinance was referred to the Planning Commission for hearing and recommendation. Date for a public hearing must still be set by the commission.

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